

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1-7, 9 and 10 as follows:

1. (currently amended) An emergency braking system which is activated when a high velocity water jet of a PWC is cut-off, said braking system comprising: a rearward extending upwardly inclined planar braking member pivottally mounted on a rudder at a rear portion of said water craft, said braking member being movable with said rudder from an elevated non-operative position to a lowered submerged operative position for generating braking forces when said water jet is cut off; a means for elevating said rudder and braking member to said elevated non-operative position during a normal operation of said water craft and a means for lowering said rudder and braking member to said lowered operative position.
2. (currently amended) The emergency braking system recited in claim 1 wherein said means for elevating said rudder and braking member to said elevated non-operative position during said normal operation of said water craft is an automatic means.
3. (currently amended) The braking system recited in claim 1 wherein said means for lowering said rudder and braking member to said lowered operative position after said cut-off of said high velocity water jet is an automatic means.

4. (currently amended) The braking system recited in claim 3 wherein said automatic means for elevating said rudder and braking member to said non-operative position is a baffle in covering relationship with an outlet of said nozzle at said lowered operative position, said baffle intercepting said water jet.

5. (currently amended) The braking system recited in claim 4 wherein said automatic means for lowering said pivottally mounted rudder and braking member to said lowered submerged operative position when said water jet is cut off is gravity.

6. (currently amended) The braking system recited in claim 1 wherein said means for elevating said rudder and planar braking member is a manually operated push-pull cable.

7. (currently amended) In a PWC which is propelled and steered by an impulse of a high velocity water jet discharged through a nozzle at the rear of the water craft, the improvement comprising: a rudder for steering said PWC, said rudder mounted for rotation about a horizontal axis on a rear portion of said water craft from an elevated non-operative position to a lowered submerged operative position when said high velocity water jet of said water craft is cut off; a means for said mounting of said rudder; a rearward extending upwardly inclined planar braking member mounted on said rudder for generating braking forces at said rudder's lowered operative position when said water jet is cut off; a means for raising said rudder to said elevated non-operative position; and a means for lowering

said rudder to said lowered submerged operative position.

8. (original) The improvement recited in claim 7 wherein said means for mounting said rudder is a yoke shaped arrangement of a pair of forward extending arms and a pair of shoulder bolts for attaching said arms to opposite side portions of said nozzle.

9. (currently amended) The improvement recited in claim 7 wherein said braking member comprises a rearward extending upwardly inclined transverse triangular fin on a lower rear corner of said rudder for providing said braking forces when said rudder is in said lowered operative position.

10. (currently amended) In combination with a rudder of a PWC which is operative during a discharge of a high velocity water jet at a rear of said PWC, said rudder being movable between two positions, an elevated non-operative position during said discharge of said water jet and a lowered submerged operative position when said water jet is cut off; a rearward upwardly extending planar braking member extending laterally outward from opposite sides of a lower portion of said rudder for generating braking forces when said water jet is cut off, said planar braking member being operative when said rudder is operative and being non-operative when said rudder is non-operative.

11. (original) The combination recited in claim 10 wherein said planar braking member is a triangular shaped member.